

CHRISTMAS TREE NOW READY FOR TRIMMERS

Giant Cedar on Old Ford Lot Will Be
Decorated and Lights
Tested.

SINGERS' STAND COMPLETED

Arrangements for Community Cele-
bration on Christmas Eve Promise
a Great Success—Will Light Tree
at 6 o'clock.

With the exception of trimming the
giant tree, arrangements for the Com-
munity Christmas Tree celebration
have been completed. Workmen have
finished the erection of the covered
singers' stand, and the dancing plat-
form is ready for use. The old Ford
Hotel site, on which the celebration
will be held, is fenced off to keep the
spectators from interfering with those
participating in the exercises.

The arrangements show that the
celebration will be on a larger scale
than last year. The singers at that
time were grouped on the ground, and
their voices were drowned by the noise
made by the multitude of spectators.
This year, however, the singers will
be seated on tiers of seats, and the
volume of music will be sent out over
the heads of the crowd by a huge
sounding board. While the singing is
going on, the words to the music will
be flashed high above the heads of the
chorus choir, where they can be seen
by those who wish to join in. It is
expected that there will be 500 persons
in the chorus.

DECORATIONS WILL BE PLACED ON CHRISTMAS TREE

Decorations will not be placed on the
tree until Christmas eve. The big star,
however, has already been suspended
above the tree, and tests show that it
works perfectly. Electric wiring has
been completed on the tree, and the
myriad of colored globes will be in-
serted in time for a trial lighting to-
morrow night. The other decorations
have been put in readiness for hang-
ing.

As a feature of the celebration this
year, fifty school children in costume
will give a number of folk dances.
Only the most expert children in these
dances have been selected, and they
have been rehearsing daily for the
event. The dancing will take place
on a platform which will put them up
above the heads of the crowd, and in
plain sight of the thousands of per-
sons who will attend the celebration.

Kessner's Municipal Band has been
engaged to play the music for the
Christmas carols. The musical program
will begin shortly before 6 o'clock, and
the big star and the lights on the
tree will be flashed on promptly on the
stroke of the hour. The tree in all
its glory will blaze forth each night
until January 1.

STREETS WILL BE ROPED OFF FROM VEHICLES

Arrangements for handling the crowd
have been made by Mayor Warner, chief
of police. Several squads of bluecoats
will be on duty to preserve order, and
a large number of Boy Scouts will be
here to help them handle the crowds.
The streets in the vicinity of the Ford
Hotel site will be roped off to prevent
vehicle traffic from interfering with
the pleasure of the spectators, or from
endangering their lives. The crowd
will find the Capital Square and the
streets in the vicinity of the tree all
excellent places from which to view
the spectacle.

The stocking committee is in need
of several more automobiles to assist
in the delivery of the stockings to mor-
row, and Mrs. J. H. Capers, Jr., chair-
man of the stocking committee, will
be glad if owners of automobiles who
can spare them for a few hours will
notify her, or the notice can be left
with John Hirschberg, chairman of the
general Christmas tree committee. Boy
Scouts will accompany the machines
and deliver the stockings in the houses.

MAYOR APPOINTS BOARD FOR EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Names F. L. Butler, F. A. Jones, T.
J. Leahy, R. L. Patram
and J. T. Wilson.

TO ORGANIZE IN TEN DAYS

Ordinance Provides for Election of
Manager and Assistant at Salaries
of \$1,500 and \$900, Respectively.
Prospective Candidates.

Exercising the authority vested in
him by the recently approved ordi-
nance, Mayor Aldred yesterday ap-
pointed five men to compose the in-
dependent board which will direct the
newly-created municipal employment
bureau. The five appointees were cer-
tified by the Mayor to City Clerk
August late yesterday afternoon.

The commissioners and their occupa-
tions follow:

Frank L. Butler, 2316 East Broad
Street, Secretary-treasurer Montgomery
& Co., commission merchants; vice-
president W. H. Eham Co., cigar; for-
mer member of the Board of Alder-
men.

Frank A. Jones, Floyd Avenue. Car
builder, secretary Central Trades and
Labor Council.

Thomas J. Leahy, 1619 West Grace
Street, Secretary-treasurer Common-
wealth Supply Company, Inc., railway
supplies.

Robert L. Patram, 1114 Decatur Street,
Foreman paint shop Southern Rail-
way Company; vice-president South-
ern Furniture Company, Inc.; former
member of the Board of Aldermen re-
presenting old Washington Ward.

John T. Wilson, 2037 Monument Ave-
nue, President Bank of Commerce and
Trusts and John T. Wilson Co., Inc.,
contractors.

COMMISSIONERS MEET WITHIN TEN DAYS

Under the terms of the ordinance
the appointments require no confirma-
tion by the Council. The commissioners
are required to meet within the next
ten days and effect an organization,
electing a chairman, vice-chairman,
secretary and other necessary officers.

As soon as it is organized the board
will elect a manager and assistant
manager of the Richmond Public Em-
ployment Bureau, who will have im-
mediate charge of the new department.
They will be paid \$1,500 and \$900 a
year, respectively. The officers will
serve two years or until removed by
the board.

The ordinance requires that no
charge of any kind shall be made by
the bureau for any service it shall
render to the public. It is designed
primarily to bring together the em-
ployer and the worker to the end that
the amount of idleness may be kept
at a minimum. Provision is made by
the ordinance for the maintenance of
a system of records showing the qualifi-
cations of the applicants, the number
who are supplied with work, and other
data of this character. It is believed
that after the department has been in
operation for several years the infor-
mation with respect to labor and
industry that it will compile will be
of large practical value.

CREAMER IS CANDIDATE FOR MANAGER'S POST

So far, the only candidate for the
position of manager of the bureau that
has a following of any strength is
James J. Creamer, an inspector in the
Gas Department, and a former member
of the House of Delegates from Rich-
mond. With no other candidate in
sight, his appointment to the position
is regarded as more than probable.
Mr. Creamer has for many years been
closely identified with labor and labor
organizations.

Friends of Ray Richardson, at pre-
sent employed in the clerical depart-
ment of the Chancery Court, will
recommend him for appointment as
assistant to the manager of the
bureau. No other candidate for this
position has as yet come forward.
An inspection of the Mayor's list of
commissioners shows that an even bal-

ance has been maintained between the
labor and business elements. Organ-
ized labor is represented on the board
by Mr. Patram and Mr. Jones. The
employers are represented by Mr. Wil-
son and Mr. Butler. Mr. Leahy ap-
pears to be the Mayor's selection for
the neutral position.

FAILURE TO APPOINT TYLER CAUSES COMMENT

The failure of John Tyler, Jr., assis-
tant cashier of the First National Bank,
to secure appointment to the board was
the subject of considerable comment
yesterday in City Hall circles. Mr.
Tyler was the leading spirit in the
employment bureau movement. It was
he who interested Councilman T. Gray
Haddon, of Clay Ward, in the enter-
prise, and induced him to introduce
the first employment bureau ordinance
in the Council.

Throughout its tortuous passage
through the Council and the commit-
tees, Mr. Tyler was constantly behind
the ordinance with data as to the suc-
cess of municipal bureaus in other
cities, and other pertinent information.
Recently he went to New York and
made a close study of the municipal
employment bureau as it is operated
in that city. Until the Mayor's list
was announced it was generally be-
lieved that Mr. Tyler would be given
a place on the board.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS BALANCE TO ITS CREDIT

State Raises Cotton in Excess of
Value of Food Supplies
Imported.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 21.—
Commissioner of Agriculture W. A.
Graham expresses gratification at the
showing made by North Carolina in
being the only State in all the cotton
belt that produces a cotton crop in
excess of the value of the foodstuffs
brought into the State each year. He
says the work of the State Department
in urging upon the farmers to raise
their own supplies, whatever the pro-

portions of their cotton crop may be,
has done much in causing the farmers
to raise their home supplies in addi-
tion to their money crops. The records
show that in 1909 North Carolina raised
\$54,000,000 worth of cotton and im-
ported into the State to supplement
home supplies \$54,000,000 worth of food
for man and beast. The commissioner
says that the 1914 showing will be
\$20,000,000 worth of supplies imported
and, even at 6 cents a pound, the value
of the cotton crop will be considerably
over that amount. The commissioner
says the farmers of the State are rapid-
ly measuring up to the appeals made
for them to supply their own homes,
and bring corn, small grains and other
supplies into line as money crops.

R. Tate Irvine Here.
R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap,
candidate for Congress in the Ninth
District against Congressman C. B.
Siemp in the November election, was
a caller at the office of Governor Stuart
yesterday. Mr. Irvine chatted a few
minutes with the Governor. He came
to Richmond to spend the Christmas
holidays with relatives living here.

Governor Leaves To-Morrow.
Governor Henry C. Stuart will leave
to-morrow for Brookline, Mass., where
he will spend Christmas Day with his
family. The Governor will probably
return before New Year's Day. Alex-
ander Forward, the Governor's secre-
tary, will spend his Christmas in New-
port News, as usual.

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